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MEXICAN AND GUATEMALAN NATIONALS CHARGED WITH ILLEGAL REENTRY

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Saul DeLaCruz, 46, Guatemala, and Luis Reyes-Francisco, 27, Mexico, were indicted today in separate cases with being an illegal alien who had been previously convicted of an aggravated felony and subsequently deported, following an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The indictment relating to Saul DeLaCruz alleges that he was found on March 19, 2010, in Daviess County, in the Evansville Division. DeLaCruz had been allegedly convicted of two felony batteries in 2002 in Arkansas and deported to Guatemala in December 2004. The indictment relating to Luis Reyes-Francisco alleges that he was found in Marion County on March 26, 2010, and had allegedly been convicted of felony burglary in July 2003 from Hamilton County, Indiana, and illegal reentry in Arizona as a federal case in 2005. Reyes-Francisco was deported in 2004 and again in 2006 back to Mexico.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the cases for the government, each defendant faces a maximum of 20 years in prison and \$250,000 fine. An initial hearing will be scheduled for each defendant, for DeLaCruz in the District Court in Evansville and for Reyes-Francisco in the District Court in Indianapolis.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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